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APD announces "No-Refusal" for Labor Day Weekend

The Austin Police Department will enforce a "No-Refusal" DWI Initiative for Labor Day Weekend from 9 p.m. on Friday Sept. 4 through 5 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5., 2009.

The DWI initiative is an effort to enforce DWI laws, keep the public safe, and to conduct blood search warrants on suspects who refuse to give a breath or blood specimen as required by law. This includes new DWI laws that recently went into effect starting Sept. 1, 2009. A high number of DWI arrests are made in Austin each year. Approximately half of last year's traffic fatalities were alcohol related.

APD is focused on saving lives on the streets and highways of Austin and making Austin roadways safe for everyone through education and enforcement.

"Labor Day Weekend" DWI Initiative Friday Sept. 4, 2009-Saturday Sept. 5, 2009 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Media advisory: Lt. David Mahoney with the Highway Enforcement Unit will be available for interview at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept., 4, 2009 at the BAT Bus, located at 505 Barton springs.

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